



ANGAUR STATE PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK (APAN)



FACT SHEET

1 WHAT IS THE ANGAUR STATE PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK (APAN)?



The APAN serves as the entity governing the APAN areas, management plan, regulations, and enforcement within Angaur State both land and sea. The Angaur State APAN comprises of the Angaur State Governor, Pan Coordinator, Conservation Officer(s), and Angaur State residents. The APAN's overall purpose is to protect and conserve the natural resources of Angaur State and to ensure sustainability for current residents and future generations to benefit and enjoy.

2 HISTORY



In 2006, the Olbiil Era Ngeaur enacted a measure to formally protect the site for an initial 2 year period the extended for an additional 3 years due to the positive results. In 2015, The Olbiil Era Ngeaur designated this site a permanent protected area and nominated it to be part of the Palau Protected Area Network. In October 2019, Angaur officially became the 15th state member of the national Protected Area Network. A new law was enacted (APL 19-02 - Angaur Protected Area Act) by the Angaur Leadership to improve the APAN by streamlining its management process and establishing portion of this shallow reef flat and the surrounding deeper reef slope areas as the luaiu Marine Protected Area.

3 WHAT IS APL 19-02 THAT WAS PASSED ON APRIL 3, 2019?

To repeal all previous existing laws regarding the APAN, streamline the management and performance of the APAN and provide the authority of the Governor to promulgate regulations to effectively manage the APAN to designate the southwestern reef flat and surrounding shallow marine areas as a permanent protected area of the State of Angaur to be part of the Palau Protected Areas Network.



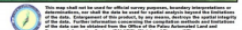
4 THE ANGAUR STATE PAN SITE IS KNOWN AS:

- luaiu, Blil a Bikmak, Kltal Ris, Bkul a Medorm, and any other named areas that fall within the boundary shown in the map.
- luaiu is .82 square kilometers including the highest tidemark.
- 50 meters surrounding the boundary line serves as a buffer zone preventing any potentially harmful human activities from affecting the protected area.
- *<Insert the outer reef boundary description and coordinates here>*

5 THE ANGAUR STATE PAN SITE BOUNDARY MAP:



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LAW ENFORCEMENT & PENALTIES

6 LAW ENFORCEMENT



The Governor may designate in writing state personnel as Conservation Officer(s) who shall have the authority to issue citations to person(s), seize tools/equipment, or any apparatus used or seize properties taken or removed in violation of any provisions pertaining to the Act, or rules, regulations, and or procedures promulgated pursuant to this Act. National Law Enforcement Officers and Angaur State Conservation Officers shall both have the authority to enforce the provisions of this Act.

NO ENTRY - ENTER UPON APPROVAL ONLY

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The Governor with the consent of the President of the Olbiil Era Ngeaur shall allow the taking of limited amount of fish for the community. The harvest shall be performed by fishers selected by the Governor and closely supervised by the Conservation Officers. The harvest amount shall be predetermined and only in the amount necessary to meet the immediate needs of the community.



8 EXCEPTIONS:

The following activities shall be conducted only by the residents of the State for subsistence use only and with permission from the APAN Office:

- ✓ Catch and take "**Recherached**" (Juvenile Bigeye Trevally), limited to (5) fish per person per day.
- ✓ Spearing with throw spear "**Taod**" or "**Sekos**" (Garfish or Needlefish), limited to (5) fish per person per day.
- ✓ "**Cheschol**" (Baby Clam) harvesting, limited to (2) pounds per person per day with a minimum size of 0.5 inches across the longest part of the shell.
- ✓ Spearfishing of no more than (50) pounds of fish per day along the reef slope fronting the Marine Protected Area.
- ✓ During times when there is scarcity of food due to severe weather conditions that prevent normal fishing activities and transport of food from Koror, the Governor with the consent of the President of the Olbiil Era Ngeaur shall allow the taking of a limited amount of fish for the community. This harvest shall be performed by fisheries selected by the Governor and closely supervised by the Conservation Officers. The amount of fish shall be predetermined and only in the amount necessary to meet the immediate needs of the community.

9 PENALTIES

- ✗ 1st Offense: Guilty of Misdemeanor = 30 days in jail and fine no less than \$250 US Dollars for each offense.
- ✗ 2nd Offense & More = Increased jail time and fine no less than \$500 US Dollars for each offense.
- ✗ Each individual item of marine flora/fauna that is fished for by speargun, captured, netted, taken, molested, destroyed, altered, moved, removed, touched, or otherwise disturbed shall be deemed a separate offense and may be punishable separately.
- ✗ All boat vessels, vehicles, tools, and equipment used in violation of this Act shall be confiscated and become the property of Angaur State, which may retain or sell such property.
- ✗ All fines imposed under this Act shall be paid to the Angaur State Treasury with fifty percent (50%) of said fines allocated to the Angaur State PAN account.

All of these types of fishing and harvesting activities will be regulated by the APAN Office under a permit system.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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